

School Council Minutes – Sept. 9, 2026

Present at meeting: Principal Mary-Elizabeth Kaiser, Assistant Principal Debbie Bauman, Jennifer MacDonald, Chantelle Brown, Whitney Mason, Brianna Albert, Jessica Regier, Rachel Tulk, Brittney Laan, Aleisha Brier, Serenity Shalev, Julia Harron, Devin Wyatt, Anne Jordan, Sarah Fellows, Bernice Hall, Renee Mackillop, Taylor Anderson, Luther Odegard, Aaron Castle, Julian McDowell, Brittany McDowell, Mary-Ellen Donais, Lauren Hogue

1. Call to Order at 6:35pm by Jennifer Macdonald

2. Motion for approval of minutes from June 2026 by Julia Harron, seconded by Anne Jordan. Minutes approved

3. School Reports

- Administration Report:
 - o 318 students currently (last year approximately 310-315)
 - o As Sibbald is an overflow school for Mahogany School, there are some fluctuations in numbers right now. Have had some students called back and some who are staying
 - o Set up school to have space to absorb growth and not have oversized classes
 - o School focus is on building resiliency
- Communication:
 - o Sibbald Says weekly email from Mary-Elizabeth on Sunday evenings
 - o Teachers will be using Google Classroom (particularly with older students)
 - o Weekly email from teachers highlighting class information and learning
 - o School council is another way to stay informed
- Question about technology use in classes – how often are students using technology?
- How will school counteract AI use with Google Classroom?
 - o Happy medium – students not on tech continually but teachers are thoughtful about when utilized and when they can positively impact lesson; teachers also support building digital citizenship with students
 - o Students are on technology a few hours per week – this is also impacted by grade. Typically technology is used more frequently in the older grades

- Teachers have ongoing conversations with students about reliable sources and AI, support building critical thinking skills and students' capacity to differentiate between AI generated information
- Grade 1 class sizes – is 25/26 typical?
 - Can depend on year, were similar size last year
 - Larger classes supported with EA time
 - Should opportunities for additional funding come throughout year, this would be funneled towards supporting higher class sizes
- Kindergarten
 - How does teaming with large amount of students work?
 - Classes can come together but also have separate spaces
 - Kinder is play-based so accommodates more students
 - Using additional spaces in school – makerspace, learning commons
 - So far has been quite successful, thoughtful planning on part of teachers

4. New Business

- none

5. Dates and times of next meetings

- 1. Tuesday, October 13, 6:30pm**
2. Wednesday, November 18, 6:30pm
3. Tuesday, January 12, 6:30pm
4. Wednesday, February 3, 6:30pm
5. Tuesday, March 9, 6:30pm
6. Wednesday, April 14, 6:30pm
7. Tuesday, May 11, 6:30pm
8. Wednesday, June 9, 6:30pm

6. Confirmation and Appointment of School Council Positions

- Chair: Jennifer MacDonald
- Vice Chair: Julia Harron
- Secretary: Lauren Hogue
- Motion to approve council positions/appointments by Brianna Albert, Seconded by Grace Proske. Motion approved with majority.

7. Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm by Jennifer MacDonald.